

United States Code, if obtained from a person other than a federal agency.”.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than six months after the date of enactment of this section, the Department shall establish guidelines for the use of other transactions. Other transactions shall be made available, if needed, in order to implement projects funded under section 31 3.

#### SEC. 31 8. CONFORMANCE WITH NNSA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE.

All actions taken by the Secretary in carrying out this subtitle with respect to National Laboratories and facilities that are part of the NNSA shall be through the Administrator for Nuclear Security in accordance with the requirements of Title XXXII of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000.

#### SEC. 31 9. ARCTIC ENERGY.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established within the Department of Energy an Office of Arctic Energy. The Director of the Office shall report to the Secretary of Energy.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purposes of the Office of Arctic Energy are—

(1) to promote research, development and deployment of electric power technology that is cost-effective and especially well suited to meet the needs of rural and remote regions of the United States, especially where permafrost is present or located nearby; and

(2) to promote research, development and deployment in such regions of—

(A) enhanced oil recovery technology, including heavy oil recovery, reinjection of carbon and extended reach drilling technologies;

(B) gas-to-liquids technology and liquefied natural gas (including associated transportation systems);

(C) small hydroelectric facilities, river turbines and tidal power;

(D) natural gas hydrates, coal bed methane, and shallow bed natural gas; and

(E) alternative energy, including wind, geothermal, and fuel cells.

(c) LOCATION.—The Secretary shall locate the Office of Arctic Energy at a university with special expertise and unique experience in the matters specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection b.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out activities under this section—

(1) \$1,000,000 for the first fiscal year after the date of enactment of this section; and

(2) such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year thereafter.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Friday, June 30, 2000, 9:30 a.m., for a hearing entitled “HUD’s Government Insured Mortgages: The Problem of Property ‘Flipping.’”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### S. 2832—REAUTHORIZING THE MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT

On June 29, 2000, Ms. SNOWE introduced S. 2832. The text of the bill follows:

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act of 2000”.

#### TITLE I—REAUTHORIZATION AND REVISION

##### SEC. 101. AMENDMENT OF THE MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.).

##### SEC. 102. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 4 (16 U.S.C. 1803) is amended by striking paragraphs (1) through (4) and inserting the following:

- “(1) \$400,000,000 for fiscal year 2000;
- “(2) \$415,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;
- “(3) \$430,000,000 for fiscal year 2002;
- “(4) \$445,000,000 for fiscal year 2003;
- “(5) \$460,000,000 for fiscal year 2004; and
- “(6) \$475,000,000 for fiscal year 2005.”.

##### SEC. 103. POLICY.

Section 2(c) (16 U.S.C. 1801(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” after the semicolon

in paragraph (6);

(2) by striking “States.” in paragraph (7)

and inserting “States; and; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following:

“(8) to use the best scientific information available when making fisheries management and conservation decisions, meaning information that is collected and analyzed by a process that, to the extent practicable—

“(A) is directly related to the specific issue under consideration;

“(B) is based on a statistically sufficient sample such that any conclusions drawn are reasonably supported;

“(C) has been independently peer-reviewed;

“(D) has been collected within a time frame that is reasonably related to the specific issue under consideration; and

“(E) incorporates a broad base of available sources.”.

##### SEC. 104. DEFINITIONS; NEW TERMS.

(a) NEW TERMS.—Section 3 (16 U.S.C. 1802) is amended as follows:

(1) HABITAT AREA OF PARTICULAR CONCERN.—After paragraph (18), insert the following:

“( ) The term ‘habitat area of particular concern’ means those waters and submerged substrate that form a discrete vulnerable subunit of essential fish habitat that is required for a stock to sustain itself and which is designated through a specified set of national criteria which includes, at a minimum, a requirement that designation be based on the best scientific information available regarding habitat-specific density of that fish stock, growth, reproduction, and survival rates of that stock within the designated area.”.

(2) MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELD.—After paragraph (23), insert the following:

“( ) The term ‘maximum sustainable yield’ means the largest long-term average catch or yield in terms of weight of fish caught for commercial and recreational purposes that can be continuously taken from a stock under existing environmental conditions, and which is adjusted as environmental conditions change.”.

(b) NUMERATION AND REDESIGNATION.—Section 3 (16 U.S.C. 1802), as amended by subsection (a), is amended—

(1) by moving paragraph (35) to follow paragraph (36); and

(2) by renumbering all paragraphs in numerical order from (1) through (47).

(c) REFERENCES IN OTHER LAW.—Whenever any other provision of law refers to a term defined in section 3 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1802) by its paragraph number and that paragraph was renumbered by subsection (b) of this section, the reference shall be considered to be a reference to the paragraph number given that paragraph under subsection (b) or subsequent amendment of that Act.

##### SEC. 105. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REFORM AND PEER REVIEW.

(a) REFORM.—Section 302(g) (16 U.S.C. 1852(g)) is amended—

(1) by adding at the end of paragraph (3) the following:

“(C) For each committee established under subparagraph (A), each Council shall establish standard operating procedures relating to time, place, and frequency of meetings, a description of the type and format of information to be provided under subparagraph (A), a description of how recommendations under subparagraph (A) will be used, and other relevant factors.”;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following:

“(5) Each Council shall establish standard operating procedures relating to the relevant scientific review committee or committees that are responsible for conducting peer reviews of all stock assessments and economic and social analyses prepared for fisheries under the Council’s jurisdiction. Committees under this paragraph shall consist of members from the committee established under paragraph (1) of this subsection and, to the extent practicable, independent scientists qualified to peer review such assessments and analyses.”.

(b) PEER REVIEW.—Section 302(h) (16 U.S.C. 1852(h)) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (5);

(2) by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (7); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following:

“(6) to the extent practicable conduct a peer review of any stock assessments and economic and social analyses prepared for a fishery under its jurisdiction, utilizing the procedures established under subsection (g)(5); and”.

##### SEC. 106. OVERFISHING AND REBUILDING.

(a) REBUILDING OVERFISHED FISHERIES.—Section 304(e) (16 U.S.C. 1854(e)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(1) The Secretary” in paragraph (1) and inserting “(1)(A) The Secretary”;

(2) by inserting after “overfished.” the following:

“The Secretary shall also identify which fisheries are managed under a fishery management plan or international agreement, and the estimated percentage of the total volume of all species in United States waters that are managed under a fishery management plan or international agreement.”

(3) by striking the last sentence of paragraph (1) and inserting the following: “A fishery shall be classified as approaching a condition of being overfished if, based on the best scientific information available trends in fishing effort and fishery resource size and other appropriate factors, the Secretary estimates that the fishery will become overfished within 2 years.”;

(4) by adding at the end of paragraph (1) the following: